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All Aboard for Old Town – Next Stop Stagecoach Days Events

JULY 11th, 18th, 25th

STAGECOACH DAYS: CELEBRATING THE WEST ON THE MOVE - FREE

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

It's been over a century since the last stage line operated in San Diego. Beginning in 1857, stage lines passed through rural San Diego moving passengers, freight, and mail. These new services helped bring the outside world a little closer to this emerging frontier community that we know today as San Diego.

For three Saturdays in July, come join us as we celebrate travel and transportation in the era of real horsepower – before the train and automobile. Take a wagon ride around the park. Imagine yourself traveling dirt roads with a maximum of 25 pounds of luggage to make your way to San Diego in the 1860s.

In addition to the permanent collection of historic wagons, our new reproduction mud wagon will be on display. View a colorful Mexican women's equestrian precision riding team. Hear the sounds of blacksmiths pounding iron and carpenters sawing wood. Try your luck by participating in 19th century games for both children and adults. Enjoy live music that is evocative of days gone by.

Stay the day and enjoy activities that reflect life in San Diego during the mid-1800s. All of the activities are part of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park's celebration of 19th century transportation, especially the stagecoach. Through vignettes, demonstrations, living history, stories, songs, and stagecoach equipment, visitors will gain an appreciation for travel and daily life.

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park along with the Boosters of Old Town are proud to offer these **FREE** activities to adults and children of all ages. The park is located on San Diego Avenue and Twiggs Street in San Diego, and is conveniently located next to the Old Town Transit Center, with Coaster, Trolley, and MTS bus service.

For more information, go to www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego

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